

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
MINUTES
January 18, 2019

The Board of Ethics met on January 18, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the LaBelle Room on the 1st floor of the LaSalle Building located at 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana with Board Members Bruneau, Colomb, Dittmer, Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly, Meinert, Roberts and Smith. present. Absent was Board Member Couvillon. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Deborah Grier; and Counsel Tracy Barker, David Bordelon, Jennifer Land, Suzanne Mooney, Brett Robinson and Greg Thibodeaux.

Chairman McAnelly opened the floor for nominations to elect a new Board Chairman. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, Board Member McAnelly was re-elected as the Chairman.

Chairman McAnelly opened the floor for nominations to elect a new Board Vice Chairman. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, Board Member Leggio was re-elected as the Vice Chairman.

Ms. Trudy Luke, a member of the Louisiana Crab Task Force, appeared before the Board in connection with a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 17-267 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against her for filing her 2014 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 146 days late. After hearing from Ms. Luke, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$750 conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1333 for a waiver of the two (2) \$2,500 late fees assessed

against Walter P. Reed, a candidate for District Attorney, 22nd JDC, St. Tammany Parish, in the November 4, 2014 election, for failure to file the 2017 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to the February meeting.

Mr. Kevin Wesley Dinkel, a member of the State Board of Home Inspectors, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 18-1443 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against him for filing his 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 163 days late. After hearing from Mr. Dinkel, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1465 for a waiver of the \$1,050 late fee assessed against Mark Shannon Phillips, a member of the Anacoco Town Council, Vernon Parish, for filing his 2016 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 21 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the late fee.

Mr. Scott Damion Vallo, a member of the Gueydan Board of Aldermen, Vermilion Parish appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 18-1471 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against him for filing his 2017 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 52 days late. After hearing from Mr. Vallo, on motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 6 yeas by Board Members Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly, Meinert, Roberts and Smith and 3 nays by Board Members Bruneau, Colomb and Dittmer, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,100 conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is

not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

Mr. Brent Anthony Duet, a former member of the South Lafourche Levee District, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 18-1472 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against him for filing his 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 189 days late. After hearing from Mr. Duet, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,000 conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

Mr. Leonard Kopowski appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 18-1479 for a waiver of the \$750 late fee assessed against him for the late filing of a Lobbyist Supplemental Registration Report. After hearing from Mr. Kopowski, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$750 late fee but suspended \$600 conditioned upon future compliance with the Lobbyist Disclosure Act and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

Mr. Derrick O'Brian Martin, a former board member of the Crescent City Charter School Board, appeared before the Board in connection with a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 18-866 for a waiver of the \$1,050 late fee assessed against him for filing his amended 2015 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 21 days late. After hearing from Mr. Martin, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the late fee.

The Board recessed at 10:56 a.m. and resumed back into general business session at 11:12 a.m.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to on items G9-G19 en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on items G9-G19 taking the following action:

Declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-260 in connection with a disqualification plan regarding the employment of Jasmine Mitchell in the North Campus Cafeteria of the Iberia Medical Center while her mother, Felicia Mitchell, is employed as the Food Service Supervisor Iberia Medical Center, since Jasmine Mitchell and Felicia Mitchell are no longer employed at Iberia Medical Center and a disqualification plan is moot.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1285 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Chauncey Hardy, a former Program Monitor employed by the Louisiana Department of Hospitals (LDH), Office of Addictive Disorders, becoming Executive Director with the Sickle Cell Anemia Research Foundation (Foundation), since Mr. Hardy's previous employment was with the Office of Addictive Disorders and the contract between the Foundation and LDH is with the Office of Public Health. Further, it does not appear as Executive Director, that Mr. Hardy would be working on projects that he participated in as a Program Monitor for the Drug Prevention Unit for the Office of Addictive Disorders.

Allowed the withdrawal of a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1369 regarding whether an employee of the 19th Judicial District Court may be re-employed part-time or contract with her agency to provide the same service after she retires, since the advisory opinion is no longer needed.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1373 concluding that no violation of the Code

of Governmental Ethics is presented by the Church Point Housing Authority continuing to transact business with Daigle Hardware once the owner, Ryan Meche, is sworn in as Mayor of Church Point, since Mayor Meche's agency is the Town of Church Point and not the Church Point Housing Authority.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1454 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Latham Folsie, an employee of the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), Medicaid Eligibility Program Operations (EPO) Section, accepting employment with Louisiana Healthcare Connections (LHCC) in the role of Program Manager II, since he would not participate in any of the same transactions in which he participated while employed with the LDH EPO Section, and he would not be rendering the same services through LHCC to his former agency.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1477 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Michael Giroir, a drivers education teacher at Morgan City High School, St. Mary Parish, providing private testing to St. Mary Parish students participating in driver's education, except for the students that he teaches at Morgan City High School.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1478 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Kristi Fleming, spouse of the elected Police Chief for the Town of Mangham, being appointed and employed as the Town Clerk for the Town of Mangham, since as Town Clerk, Ms. Fleming's agency would include the Town of Mangham Government with the exception of the Police Department. The Police Department is a separate agency since the Chief of Police is elected. The Board further advised that Section 1112B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Ms. Fleming from participating in any transaction in which her husband, Chief Fleming, has a substantial economic interest, including pay checks issued to Chief Fleming. The

Board also advised that a disqualification plan in accordance with the Board's Rules should be sent to the Board for approval if Ms. Fleming is hired as the Town Clerk.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1493 concluding that Section 1113 of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Ronnie Gregoire, an elected councilman for the Town of Albany, from also being employed as a police officer for the Town of Albany Police Department, since the police officer position is under the supervision of the Albany Town Council.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1494 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the employment of Christian Landry as an Assistant District Attorney for the 15th Judicial District while his father, Daniel Landry, III, serves as First Assistant District Attorney, since Daniel Landry is not an agency head. The Board further approved the disqualification plan submitted by Keith Stutes, District Attorney for the 15th Judicial District, designating Mr. Stutes to serve as the supervisor and decision maker regarding Christian Landry's employment without any participation by Daniel Landry, III.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1497 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Chad Nugent, a member of the Jefferson Parish School Board participating in matters before the Jefferson Parish School Board involving Discovery Health Sciences Foundation, Inc. (Discovery) while his mother, Lynda Nugent Smith, serves as a board member of for Discovery, since Ms. Smith receives no compensation from Discovery and does not have a substantial economic interest in the transactions involving the Jefferson Parish School Board.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1498 concluding the no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Joshua Melancon, a volunteer fireman and Assistant Fire Chief for the Town of Catahoula, an unincorporated community in St. Martin Parish, bidding on or

entering into a contract with the St. Martin Parish Fire District to provide lawn services, since Mr. Melancon is a volunteer fireman for the Town of Catahoula and does not receive compensation from the St. Martin Parish Fire District.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the December 13-14, 2018 meetings.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 16-949 regarding Archie Chaisson, the Lafourche Parish Administrator, hiring the brother of a Lafourche Parish Councilman as an employee of the public works department. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Archie Chaisson, while serving as the Lafourche Parish Administrator, agrees that a violation of Section 1119D of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by virtue of his hiring Gerald Jones within the Lafourche Parish Public Works Department while the brother of Gerald Jones, Jerry Jones, served as an agency head and member of the governing authority of Lafourche Parish Government and in which Archie Chaisson agrees to pay a fine of \$1,500 and that in the event of a failure to pay, the Board may file suit to compel immediate payment of any balance due. The Board further dismissed the charges against Archie Chaisson pending before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB).

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 17-674 regarding Dr. Jean Alt Belkhir, a professor at Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO), receiving textbook royalties for the sale of textbooks used in his class. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Dr. Jean Alt Belkhir agrees that a violation of Section 1111C(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by virtue of his

receipt of \$1,315.70 in royalty payments from the sale of the textbook he authored, “Introduction to Race, Gender & Class: A Progressive Approach,” when the required textbook was devoted substantially to the SUNO course “Sociology of Race, Gender & Class” and while Dr. Belkhir participated in the course as a professor and in which Dr. Belkhir agrees to pay a fine of \$500.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1490 regarding Alice Anthony, a Social Worker 5 for the Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ), continuing her outside employment with Progressive of Seaside once Progressive of Seaside enters into a contract with the OJJ. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Ms. Anthony from providing compensated services to Progressive of Seaside at a time when Progressive of Seaside has a contract with the OJJ.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against candidates and committees included in the Campaign Finance Waiver Chart en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the items in the Campaign Finance Waiver Chart, excluding Docket Nos. 18-1439, 18-1440, 18-1473, 18-1474, 18-1482, 18-1483 and 18-1484, taking the following action:

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1436 for a waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against Faye Lemoine, a candidate for Alderman, District A, City of Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 36 days late. On

motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,000 late fee but suspended \$900 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1437 for a waiver of the \$120 late fee assessed against Tania Nyman, a candidate for East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, District 7, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 2 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$120 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1441 for a waiver of the \$1,200 late fee assessed against Jeff Hooper, a candidate for City Marshal, City Court, City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 20 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,200 late fee but suspended \$1,000 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1442 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against Wayne "Coach" Williams, a candidate for Calcasieu Parish School Board, District 14, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 15 days late. On motion made,

seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 late fee

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1481 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against Sheldon "Mr. Vince" Vincent, Sr., a candidate for Jefferson Parish School Board, District 2, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 15 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 late fee but suspended \$400 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1439 for a waiver of the \$40 late fee assessed against Larry D. Morris, Jr., a candidate for Chief of Police, City of Minden, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 1 day late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1440 for a waiver of the \$1,800 late fee assessed against the LA Oil and Gas PAC, a political action committee; its committee's chairperson, Don G. Briggs; and, treasurer, Bryan Hanks, for filing the September 2018 Monthly campaign finance disclosure report 9 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,800 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1473 for a waiver of the \$1,800 late fee assessed against Rig

PAC, a political action committee; its committee's chairperson, Bob Meredith; and, treasurer, Jordan Gleason, for filing the September 2018 Monthly campaign finance disclosure report 9 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,800 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1474 for a waiver of the \$1,800 late fee assessed against Drill PAC, a political action committee; its committee's chairperson, Mark K. Miller; and, treasurer, Cece Richter, for filing the September 2018 Monthly Report campaign finance disclosure report 9 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,800 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1483 for a waiver of the \$2,000 late fee assessed against Atmos Energy Corporation PAC, a political action committee; and, its committee's treasurer, David Mason, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 13 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,000 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1482 for a waiver of the \$360 late fee assessed against Brad Harris, a candidate for City Marshal, City Court, City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 6 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$360 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board

considered a request in Docket No. 18-1484 for a waiver of the \$480 late fee assessed against Michael "Mike" Thomas, a candidate for City Constable, City Court, City of Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$480 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against individuals contained in the Personal Financial Disclosure Waiver Chart en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the items in the Personal Financial Disclosure waiver chart taking the following action:

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1219 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Karen Dean Sharp, a member of the Louisiana Arts Council, for filing her 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 202 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics, since it was Ms. Sharp's first late filing and she is no longer on the board. In addition, Ms. Sharp submitted documentation supporting her medical issues.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1375 for a waiver of the \$150 late fee assessed against Patrick Baker, a member of the Lecompte Board of Aldermen, Rapides Parish, for filing his amended 2016 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 3 days late. On motion

made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$150 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics, since it was Mr. Baker's first late filing and involved an amendment.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1376 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Willie Matthew Robinson, a candidate for the Gonzales City Council, Ascension Parish, in the November 8, 2016 election, for filing his amended 2015 Tier 2 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 139 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics, since it was Mr. Robinson's first late filing and involved an amendment.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1377 for a waiver of the \$200 late fee assessed against Julius Alsandor, candidate for Mayor, City of Opelousas, St. Landry Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing his amended 2017 Tier 2 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 2 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$200 late fee, since it was Mr. Alsandor's first late filing, it involved an amendment to disclose income by exact dollar figure and the income was disclosed timely by category.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1444 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against David Detz, a member of the Vernon Parish School Board, for filing his amended 2016 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 86 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of

Governmental Ethics, since it was Mr. Detz's first late filing and involved an amendment.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1445 for a waiver of the \$250 late fee assessed against George Tigner, a member of the Claiborne Parish Police Jury, for filing his 2016 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 5 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$250 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics, since it was Mr. Tigner's first late filing, he is no longer an elected official and he only served 11 days which triggered the filing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1447 for a waiver of the \$250 late fee assessed against Courtney Crawford, a member of the Recreation District, Town of Pearl River, for filing her 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 5 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$250 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics, since it was Ms. Crawford's first late filing and involved an amendment.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1448 for a waiver of the \$300 late fee assessed against Billy Franklin, a member of the Tullos Board of Aldermen, LaSalle Parish, for filing his 2017 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 6 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$300 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics, since it was Mr. Franklin's first late filing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1449 for a waiver of the \$800 late fee assessed against Michael Whitlow, a candidate for the Tangipahoa Parish School Board in the

November 6, 2018 election, for filing his 2017 Tier 2 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$800 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics, since it was Mr. Whitlow's first late filing and he appeared to have been confused since he timely filed for an extension to file his Annual personal financial disclosure statement for the same office.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1450 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Matthew Rickey Hardy, a former member of the Board of Pardons, former State Representative and current member of the Lafayette North Redevelopment Authority, for filing his amended 2016 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 121 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics, since it was Mr. Hardy's first late filing and he initially filed a Tier 2.1 for his position on the Redevelopment Authority. He amended to file the appropriate Tier and report income as required for Tier 2.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1451 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Jarrod K. Shaw, a member of the Sunset Board of Aldermen, St. Landry Parish, for filing his amended 2016 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 106 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics, since Mr. Shaw timely filed a Tier 2, however, he was required to file a Tier 3 and he also failed to initially disclose income for both himself and his spouse.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1464 for a waiver of the \$1,250 late fee assessed against Sandra Suetta "Sue" Cannon-Scott, a candidate for the Madison Parish School Board, District 4 in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing her 2017 Tier 3 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 25 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,250 late fee but suspended \$1,050 conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1467 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Devertis Lard Sr., a member of the Lucky Board of Aldermen, Bienville Parish, for filing his amended 2016 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 127 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics, since it was Mr. Lard's first late filing and involved an amendment.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1468 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Allen Gilbert, a member of the Webster Parish Police Jury, District 2, for filing his amended 2016 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 128 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics, since it was Mr. Gilbert's first late filing and involved an amendment.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1470 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee

assessed against Tenney G. Sibley, a former member of the Board of Examiners for Sanitarians, for filing her 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 132 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,050 conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

The Board considered an untimely request in Docket No. 18-1480 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Billy R. Abrams, a member of the Lafayette Parish Communication Commission, for filing his amended 2015 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 88 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to consider the waiver request and declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,250 conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

The Board considered an untimely request in Docket No. 18-1487 for a waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against Education Reform Now Advocacy and its committee's treasurer, Patrick Van Keerbergen, related to its participation in the March 24, 2018 election, for filing the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 156 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to consider the waiver request and declined to waive the \$1,000 late fee.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 18-723 for a waiver of the Board's suspension of all but \$400 of a \$1500 late fee assessed against Dorothy Denise Costin, a member of the Eros Board of Aldermen, Jackson Parish, for filing her 2016 Tier 3 Annual personal

financial disclosure statement 107 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics, since it was Ms. Costin's first late filing and she has resigned from the board of aldermen. In addition, Ms. Costin submitted documentation supporting her financial hardship.

Ms. Allen distributed to the Board members a list of legislative recommendations to be returned to the February agenda for discussion and asked the Board members to provide her with any additional suggestions prior to the February meeting.

Chairman McAnelly asked if the request for reconsideration of the Board's decision in Docket No. Docket No. 18-1210 as to the propriety of the use of campaign funds was going to be included on the Board's February agenda. Board Member Meinert stated that he would like to have a list of "related expenses" provided at the February meeting. Chairman McAnelly asked that a copy of the Holden decision and the Darrell Ourso request for an advisory opinion from 2000 also be provided at the February meeting.

The Board unanimously adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Secretary

APPROVED:

Chairman

